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REMARKS

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 29, 2006 (Paper No. 20061124).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-4 which is drawn to a fuel cell (classified in Class 429, Subclass 34); and

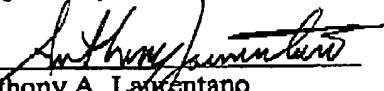
Group II encompassing claims 5-8 drawn to a method of operating a fuel cell (classified in Class 429, Subclass 17).

In response, Applicants respectfully submit herewith new dependent claim 9, which depends from claim 1 and hence by necessity corresponds to the Group I invention. Applicants also hereby elect **Group I**, now encompassing claims 1-4 and 9, for continued examination.

If further issues persist, then please feel free to contact Applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

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